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### BOIES PENROSE.

With the passing of United States Senator Boies Penrose, the career of one of the most picturesque figures and eminently powerful members of the upper house of congress is brought to a close. For more than 24 years he occupied a seat in the senate, where his ability was early recognized, and where his advice and sage counsel was readily sought for by the other members of the Republican party of which he was a staunch adherent. Not very long after his becoming a member of the upper house of congress, his ability won for him a place on the most important committee of that body, and with the exception of the six years in which his party was not in power, he was chairman and member of the most important committee divisions. He was not an orator and rarely made speeches from manuscript, confining his abilities to partisan debate, in which his humor won for him a name that was regarded by both Republicans and Democrats alike as without equal. For years he was considered the "boss" of his home state, Pennsylvania, but this fact did not interfere with his being returned time after time by huge majorities when the popular vote for senators replaced their selection by the state legislature. A lawyer by education and profession, he practiced but little during the last few years of his life, devoting all of his enormous energies to legislative problems as well as to the upbuilding of numerous important business projects, the success and magnitude of which will long remain as a monument to his far-sighted ability and resourcefulness. Not only in the east was he known for his manifold business ramifications. Right here in Nevada he undertook with great success, a huge mining venture, which was pushed through to a successful conclusion, characterized by all of his work. He was the president of the Pittsburgh-Silver Peak Mining company, and during his tenure of office made the property one of the largest of its kind in the state. In order to successfully operate the big Silver Peak mine, he built a railroad into the district, erected a huge mill and installed the most modern machinery for the mining and milling of its ores. Not until the property was entirely worked out did the company cease to operate, and then only after a most successful return to its stockholders.

### MORE SENSIBLE.

An appropriation of \$9,000,000 has been recommended for the enforcement of the national prohibition law for the next fiscal year, according to a dispatch from Washington, and judging from the very apparent failure of government agents in their endeavor to search out the offenders in the past, it is equally plain that with this great sum of money which has been suggested, the enormous amount of work necessary can never be accomplished. How far more sensible would it be to prorate the sum among the defenders of our land during the world war, putting the money into channels of endeavor that would reap the necessary benefit to those men whose monetary sacrifices during a period of national stress have been so poorly compensated. The results of prohibition enforcement so far have been extremely negligent, when it is taken into consideration the enormous sums that have been appropriated for the work. In most instances the outlay has been to furnish quantities of well-paid jobs for a lot of bench-warmers, whose resultant so-called work has been to create more scandal than prosecution. Persecution would be a much better word with which to describe the accomplishments of the officers so far. Instead of causing the res-

nation of what the law was intended to stop, results entirely to the contrary were found in all quarters from which reports are received, and they will continue to be so as long as the present law is on the statute books. Not only is there a greater prevalence of drunkenness at this time than formerly, but the effect of the illicit liquor on the drinkers is so much more fatal that the question is becoming a most grave one for those who have the best interests of the country at heart. A day does not pass but what the news dispatches carry the sad intelligence of the demise of some person, usually young in years, and in the habit of drinking, whose untimely end has been caused not by continued imbibing, but by the mere taking of one or two drinks of this liquid hell that is being so universally manufactured throughout the land. In the second largest city of the United States the records of the municipal courts for the year 1921 show a 60 per cent increase in the number of cases of drunkenness brought to their attention, over the figures for the preceding year. This is in a community where large sums are spent by the federal government for the enforcement of the prohibition laws. Would these figures indicate that either the law itself or its enforcement has been a success? Does it appear to be good economy on the part of the government to continue the appropriation of millions for something that is so palpably a failure? Far better it would be to use the money for the help of the deserving ex-servicemen of the nation, by whose earnest endeavors it was made possible to maintain the principles of free American government, so grossly being misrepresented by legislation of the character that has been mentioned.

### FUNDING FOREIGN DEBTS.

The bill creating the foreign debt refunding commission will soon be enacted by congress, and the commission with the secretary of the treasury as its chairman will turn its attention to the enormously important work before it. "Believing it the duty of all good citizens to study the problems and make constructive suggestions whenever the occasion warrants," says the Republican Publicity association, "we present a comprehensive and apparently feasible plan for handling the principal of the foreign indebtedness, and invite discussion as to its soundness and practicability. In brief," continues the association, "the proposition is to ask for each debtor nation an equal annual payment for 50 years, so arranged as to amount that at the end of that period both principal and interest will have been paid in full. In the schedule of payments presented herewith interest is computed at 4 1/2 per cent. That is the average of the rates borne by the various issues of Liberty bonds. The money loaned abroad was raised through the sale of those bonds, and it would seem to be no more than fair that the interest required from the borrowers should not exceed the interest paid on the Liberty issues, despite the fact that the temporary certificates of indebtedness held by the treasury call for a 5 per cent rate.

"Most of these debts are two years in arrears of interest, making the total interest now due amount to about a billion and a quarter dollars. That factor is not considered in this plan, but it would be comparatively simple to spread the back interest payments over a period of years and thus make the burden as light as possible for the debtor nations to bear. It is understood that certain of those countries desire even a further extension of interest payments. That is included in the scheme herewith presented. It will be noted that the annual payments required do not even equal the accrued interest until the end of the second year. Such consideration ought to be all that any debtor nation could ask.

"Announcement recently came from Great Britain that she had made arrangements for an annual interest payment of 50,000,000 pounds on her obligations to the United States. The annual payment necessary to liquidate both principal and interest of the British debt in 50 years is only \$175,000,000, which,

at the normal rate of exchange, is about \$5,500,000 pounds. Evidently the arrangement applied to the British debt would be far more advantageous to Great Britain than the plan of payment she has herself suggested.

## FANCY DRESS MARKS START OF OLD MAID

(By Associated Press.)  
PARIS, Jan. 3.—St. Catherine's Day is the day when all young French girls who have attained the age of 25 without finding a husband put on the bonnet of spinsterhood, although this does not necessarily mean that they forthwith abandon all hopes of finding a suitable mate.

The girls who work in the Paris dressmaking establishments make a high holiday on that day, and those among them who had become "St. Catherine's" were lace bonnets made by their comrades.

In groups they walked along the boulevards, generally five or six abreast, arms linked, with the bonnet wearers in the front rank and all their escort or friends following. The working girls tied with each other in the fancy costumes they wore.

## SHOOTS TWO IN BATTLE IN HOTEL ROOM

(By Associated Press.)  
OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 3.—Philip J. Brady, aged 34, a local newspaper man, now doing publicity work, and Andrew McLaughry, aged 24, a hotel clerk, were shot and gravely wounded by August Carl Gravowsky in a local hotel yesterday. Gravowsky was shot four times by Inspector Joseph Enright of the local police force. Hospital attendants stated that Brady could not live and that McLaughry probably would die. Gravowsky's wounds are not serious. He is said to have been creating a disturbance in his room. Brady and McLaughry went with Enright when he went to arrest Gravowsky. Both were shot in the back.

## REVIVAL OF WHITE HOUSE RECEPTIONS

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 3.—The doors of the White House were thrown open Monday to official Washington and the general public as well to receive the New Year's greetings of President and Mrs. Harding. The New Year's receptions were abandoned during the Wilson administration and the one yesterday was the first to be given in nine years.

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